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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Sunday's snow storm was a record breaker.

Mrs. Bates and daughter, Hazel went to Lewiston Thursday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. U. Purington Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ira Jordan and grandson, Elmon were in Portland one day last week.

Mr. Arthur Watson of Randolph, N.H., visited friends in town last week.

Miss Martha B. Dingley of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Bowler.

The friends of Mr. Charles Valentine are pleased to hear he is gaining, even slowly.

Miss Rita Twitchell is with her aunt, Mrs. Walton Wight, during her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason spent Christmas with Mrs. Mason's sister in Glenondale, Mass.

Mr. William McAllister of the News office went to his home in Bath Saturday returning Tuesday.

Mr. Wendall Philbrook of Greene, spent Christmas with his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Philbrook.

Miss A. Maude Jacobs of the News office is spending a week's vacation at her home in Winthrop.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Byrd were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Furbush of Gorham, N. H., Friday.

Mr. L. B. Hopkins came from Boston Saturday to spend Christmas with his wife.

Mr. D. L. Blake of Bryant's Pond was in the village last week and made a pleasant call at the News office.

Mr. William Richardson of Gorham, N. H., was the guest of his father, Mr. Albert Richardson, Tuesday.

Chester Bean of the University of Maine is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bean.

Miss Amelia Grover has been quite sick with erysipelas during the past week and was cared for by Miss Viru Holt.

Harold and Francis Chandler of Norway spent Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Mrs. Susan Chapman has returned from Gorham, N. H., where she has been visiting relatives for the past few weeks.

Miss Vivian Dingley has closed her school at Gilead and is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. Snow of Hayden Row, Mass.

Miss Rita Twitchell of Oak Grove Seminary, returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Gorham, N. H.

Mr. Charles E. Arno of Gorham, N. H., is boarding at Mr. Wilson's and working for the Bethel Manufacturing Co.

Miss Ethel Farwell, who is attending Farmington Normal school is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Bethel.

Harry Purington came from Brunswick Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Purington.

Miss Helen Bisbee, instructor of elocution at Parsonsfield Seminary, North Parsonsfield, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home.

Rev. C. N. Gleason was called to Brooklyn, N. Y., Saturday, to attend the funeral of his brother who died quite suddenly.

Mr. C. A. Lucas is showing signs of thrift and enterprise in added improvements and fixtures to his store among which is a new computing scale of the most modern type.

Mrs. Dayton Merrill came from Massachusetts Friday to join her husband who was called here by the death of his father and they will spend the winter with Mr. Merrill's mother, Mrs. Charles Merrill.

J. H. Carter spent the holidays at home.

Miss Ruth King is at home from Boston.

E. C. Staples spent Christmas at his home in Oxford.

Mrs. A. F. Heiber spent Christmas at her home in South Portland.

W. E. Abbot has moved into E. M. Walker's lower rent.

Fred H. Huestress of South Portland was in town last week to do some plumbing at the residence of Dr. Tuell.

Miss Alice Mason, Luella Boothby and Mrs. Eli Barker and son, Philip, dined with Miss E. E. Barnham at Miss Fox's, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carter of Phillips, Me., and Miss Florence Carter of Malone, N. Y., are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pushard entertained Mrs. Pushard's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dwinall of Mechanic Falls on Christmas day.

The News force was very pleasantly entertained by Miss Lula Arno last Thursday evening. The evening was spent at Finch, refreshments being served. The party broke up at such a late hour that one of the members was obliged to inquire of some one if he or she wasn't on the wrong road for home. If that person should ever be found going up Railroad street, it is hoped that the finder may return the same to the News office and be suitably rewarded.

Christmas was observed Tuesday evening at the M. E. church. An entertainment was given consisting of songs and recitations, by the children of the Sunday school, assisted by the choir. Mrs. I. H. Wight was a much appreciated addition to the choir. Mrs. Schoonover's sweet voice was particularly enjoyed in her solo and the duet by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Schoonover. The children in the solos, recitations, dialogue, and the girls chorus did very creditable work.

Particular mention should be made of the recitation by the youngest member on the program, little George Haskell aged four years, also of the proficient manner in which little Blanche Herriek, aged nine years, played the pipe organ in the accompaniment for her sister, Margaret's solo. Miss Ethel Farwell gave a beautiful reading which added much to the program.

The decorations, which were in charge of Mr. Springer's class of young ladies, were quite unique and very pretty. Five trees were used, three forming a back ground for the stage and one at each end of the altar rail. A large red star surmounted the tallest tree, from which were draped festoons of red and green to the other trees terminating with a large bunch of holly over the center of the altar. The organ was also decorated with holly. The trees and several tables were heavily laden with gifts of all descriptions.

Many thanks are due to Mr. A. M. Edwards who with his family are spending Christmas in town, for his generous gifts to the Sunday school scholars of the parish. Each was given a good book, Mr. Edwards contributing some \$10 or \$12 in this way toward making the occasion a happy one for the younger ones. This Christmas will long be remembered by the parish as a "red letter" day in its history.

Bethel people are always pleased to note the accomplishments of a Bethel son. On Thursday evening, Dec. 13, the Rubinstein Club of New York, of which Mr. Chapman is the musical director, opened its twentieth season with a private concert at the Waldorf-Astoria and the next day the World came out with the following splendid notice of its success:

The Rubinstein club, William R. Chapman, conductor, and his beautiful orchestra, composed of the best players of the Philharmonic and the new Hammerstein Opera company together with Miss Rose Eaton as soprano soloist drew the most brilliant audience that has been heard within the walls of the grand ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria this season, and at no place can one see such a brilliant audience

CHRISTMAS AT THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Sunday forenoon special Christmas services were held and following the usual service holy communion was observed. The concert which was to have been held in the evening was postponed until next Sunday evening on account of the bad weather.

Monday night the regular Christmas supper was given in the chapel and a large number of both old and young were present. Three long tables were set and all kinds of good things were on them. A merry time was had by all.

Following the supper, in the church auditorium, there was a pretty program of choruses and recitations by the Sunday school and then "Old Santa" appeared. Two well laden trees were placed on the platform. The renovated church made a most attractive appearance made brilliant with so many lights. Evergreen wreaths were hung in the windows and throughout the church and chapel. Good cheer prevailed everywhere in the building. The little folks were out on masse. All were remembered. The pastor and his family were most generously remembered by his parishoners.

Following the distribution of the gifts the young people held a pleasant social in the chapel in which a large number joined. It was a good time and the Christmas spirit prevailed through it all.

No pains is ever spared by the pastor and the workers of this church in the observance of the important ecclesiastical events; and, whenever the occasion calls for special emphasis upon the sacredness of the event, there is no lack of zeal in making as deep an impression upon all minds as possible.

While the young of the church are permitted the free enjoyment of all innocent games and gladly participate in all social affairs that have no tendency whatever to demoralize themselves or discomfort their parents, still there is no laxity in the moral and religious instruction of the most approved and rational type; and, for religious restriction, so far as instruction and example go, is placed on all things that if carried to excess would have the slightest tendency to mar the character or impede the intellectual, moral or spiritual progress of the soul. It is indeed a glad Christmas to the parish, for while there are always things to regret—losses and shortcomings, yet, there are many things for which we are grateful and supremely happy. Being blessed in many ways spiritually by an intelligent and most practical understanding of that great event which this season commemorates, we have had an abundance of material success during the past year and we rejoice doubly, not because of the success granted us in our personal enjoyment but because of the possibility of greater usefulness in the community which added advantages bring—believing that "He who would save his body, shall lose it; he who would gather goods around him and win achievements for his own aggrandizement, shall die so far as soul satisfaction goes; but he who would use his faculties, employ his talents, improve his time for the sake of the general good of the world or humanity shall be greatly blessed and save his own soul."

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THAT I AM PLEASED

With the large volume of my December business is natural, the best month I have ever had and I wish to sincerely thank my customers for the support they have given me in the past, assuring them my aim for the coming year is to serve them even better than in the past. That 1907 may bring to each and all their full measure of Health, Wealth and Happiness is the sincere wish of

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NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK.

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said Bank to Ernest W. Godwin, and numbered 6773½ has been lost and that he desires to have a new book of deposit issued to him.

Bethel Savings Bank,
A. E. Herriek, Treas.
Bethel, Maine, Dec. 1st, 1906.

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, 1907, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier.
Bethel, Maine, Nov. 26th, 1906.

E. C. VANDENKERCKHOVEN

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	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Island Pond, leave	1.55	6.30	1.10
Gorham,	4.00	8.20	3.10
Gilead,	4.25	8.40	3.31
West Bethel,	4.38	8.50	3.42
Bethel,	4.46	9.00	3.49
Looke Mills,	—	9.10	3.57
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.18	4.05
South Paris,	5.36	9.44	4.35
Lewiston,	6.40	10.45	5.35
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.40	6.30

TRAINS GOING WEST

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.05	2.25	7.50
South Paris,	10.07	3.26	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.34	4.05	9.18
Looke Mills,	10.41	4.15	9.26
Bethel,	10.50	4.25	9.37
West Bethel,	10.57	4.35	9.46
Gilead,	11.07	4.51	9.59
Gorham,	11.30	5.20	10.25
Island Pond,	1.30	7.30	12.40
Montreal,	7.00	—	7.00

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Excursion to Montreal, Quebec and St. Anne De Beaupre.

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RUMFORD PEOPLE ARE OUT ENMASS.

Red Hot Hearing at Cheney Opera House.

GEORGE D. BISBEE AND WALDO PETTENGILL IN STRENUOUS OPPOSITION.

Opposing Arguments Trivial In Importance but Desperate in Purpose.

The hearing by the selectmen on the application for a franchise in Rumford by the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway Co. was held in the Cheney Opera House Wednesday afternoon and evening. The public interest was so aroused by the knowledge that the officials of the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway Company were going to oppose the location of the road in the village, that the streets were alive with people who had come in to attend the hearing.

At the hour appointed, the auditorium, including the gallery, was filled with men and women, the latter being almost wholly in possession of the gallery. Shortly after 2 o'clock the selectmen, W. G. Morse, W. V. Kimball and Arthur Gauthier, at a nod from Col. George D. Bisbee, took their positions, and Mr. Morse declared the board in session.

Hon. Herbert M. Heath of Augusta, attorney for the Street Railway Co., addressed the selectmen, explaining to them the route of the proposed electric road, which begins in Mexico near the toll bridge and runs through the village to Swift river bridge, coming to Rumford Falls village via Franklin street and Bridge street bridge, proceeding north on Congress street to Strathglass square and then up Hartford street, terminating near the depot. The route to Bethel from Rumford Falls was explained in a general way, and later in detail from the plan by both Mr. Heath and Mr. Jones the engineer.

Mr. Heath, in explaining the law and the power of the selectmen, took occasion to say that the selectmen's power so far as the present hearing was involved, was to approve or disapprove of the streets specified in the plans.

Col. Bisbee interrupted and asked about the petition of the Street Railway men. Mr. Heath explained to the Colonel that petitions were not necessary, although later, petitions might be presented. Col. Bisbee being out to oppose the electric road proposition, interjected many trivial questions, and much to the amusement of the people, Mr. Heath made it plain to Col. Bisbee that the board of selectmen were not the railroad commissioners, and further explained the limitations of the selectmen's powers in the matter, by saying that they could require the rails to be laid on the side or the center of the street and could regulate the speed of the cars. Also they have power to impose certain restrictions regarding the use of bridges. Before any railway can cross a bridge the R. R. Commissioners examine it and suggest any repairs. The expense can be divided between the town and the railroad company.

In answer to Col. Bisbee's suggestion that the towns might be burdened by such expense, it was shown that it nearly always happened that the railroad companies bore the entire expense. It was shown to the confusion of Col. Bisbee and the delight of the people that about a dozen 18 foot bridges in the state were crossed by electric car tracks, and team traffic was not impeded.

Col. Bisbee, in behalf of the objectors to the electric railway project, racked his brain for and aft to bring forward some sensible reason why the road should not be built. The objections were not only easily swept aside by Mr. Heath, but were of so trivial a nature, that they really did not require any refutation. Every time the Colonel's objections were turned down by Mr. Heath, the people applauded and manifested their approval of the street railway project; and it soon became evident that Col. Bisbee was fighting against a popular sentiment that had proportions much larger than was supposed. The crowd was not slow in making its feelings known.

Matthew McCarthy, Esq., presented two petitions to the selectmen, one signed by nearly 1000 citizens of Rum-

ford, and the other by the business men at the Falls, both asking the board to approve the request of the street railway promoters. Mr. McCarthy stated that only four business men on the island refused to sign the latter petition.

A. E. Stearns, Esq., called upon the following gentlemen to state their views regarding the effect of a street railway upon the business of the town: Mark Elliott, F. H. Burgess, Frank B. Martin, Henry French, J. H. Martin, Virgil Kimball, M. E. Barker, L. H. Graham and Edwin D. Thompson. These gentlemen all live outside the village. They all agreed that the road would greatly benefit the sections in which they lived and that the public sentiment was almost universal in favor of the road.

ADJOURNED.

The meeting was adjourned until 7 o'clock in the evening. There were as many people present at the evening as at the afternoon hearing. Lawyer McCarthy called upon the following gentlemen to give testimony regarding the benefit the road would be to Rumford:

Lucien Blanchard, A. E. Morrison, F. O. Walker, F. J. Rolfe, Dr. L. O. Lesieur, Dr. C. M. Bisbee and Philo B. Clark. These gentlemen live at the Falls village and were unanimous in the opinion that the road would greatly benefit the town. Col. Bisbee, who was long on hypothetical issues and conditions, asked Dr. Bisbee if he would vote for the town to help pay for the road. Doctor Bisbee replied, "Yes." The Colonel was not expecting such a reply and was quite surprised at the vigorous applause that greeted the answer.

At that point in the proceeding Mr. Heath read the statute law regarding the rights and privileges of electric railways and selectmen. He emphasized the provision that a bridge must be "safe," as distinguished from "reasonably safe." After stringing out a discussion of several hypothetical and irrelevant conditions, Col. Bisbee called upon Hon. Waldo Pettengill to state reasons why the road should not be allowed to lay tracks in Congress street.

Mr. Pettengill referred to the \$15,000 that the corporation streets had cost the town, and thought it would greatly damage the street, and be of no benefit to the business. As a taxpayer, he objected to the streets being used for the purpose of a street railroad. Mr. Pettengill labored under the inconvenience of trying to oppose the road without stating the real reason for the opposition. He was questioned at some length by Mr. Heath, and given some information regarding the right of "steam railroad companies that stop their trains where and when they please, and charge what over prices they please." The fact was brought out that Mr. Pettengill was interested in the steam railroad.

He advised the promoters to build a bridge and come into the village without going on to Congress street. Being hard pressed by Mr. Heath, Mr. Pettengill disclosed his fear lest the promoters of the street railway would not find the enterprise profitable.

Mr. James Welch, Charles Abbott and Hollis C. Duntun, each stated that the bridge on Bridge street was not strongly enough built nor wide enough for electric cars to run on. Mr. Duntun did not oppose the road. One gentleman objected to the road going over the bridge because the cars would frighten horses and cause accidents. Dr. Niles was called and was much in favor of the road.

Col. Bisbee then addressed the selectmen, although at times Mr. Heath had to remind him of the fact; for the Colonel persisted in addressing his remarks to Mr. Heath.

The Colonel did not say that he appeared as attorney for any interests, and based his opposition apparently upon the unfitness of the bridge, and the

damage that would result to Congress street if the tracks were laid there. He was greatly worried about the possible condition of the street when snow would be four feet deep. He pictured a trench through the street, and one could almost imagine cars going along, with nothing but the trolley poles showing above the drifts. He argued that abutters had no redress under the law, and could get no damages from the road.

The Colonel made a very able argument, skillfully avoiding making any substantial objections to the road, and concealing the real purpose of his opposition. He pictured Rumford as a place in the near future of 20,000 inhabitants, and advised the selectmen to have their welfare in mind when deciding what they would do in the premises. He expressed regret that the plans of the promoters had been kept from the public. He also said that the petitions had been carelessly signed. He drew a picture of the congested streets, and foresaw great difficulty in that respect.

Mr. Heath, in his closing address to the selectmen, made reference to the fact that he and the opposing counsel were agreed as to the law in the matter and explained that an appeal from the denial of the selectmen could be taken to the courts. He again explained that the bridge would have to be strengthened at the railroad company's expense, and cited again the many bridges of the same width over which cars have been running for many years. As to the snow problem he thought Rumford could handle 800 feet of Congress street, if Montreal could care for the miles of streets in that city, where they have more snow and more cars than will ever be seen in Rumford.

He scored the gentlemen who professed to be favorable to the building of the road, providing it was weighted down with so much construction expense that no one would invest in its stock. He charged Col. Bisbee with being 40 years behind the times; and informed him that the rights of the people, for whom electric roads are built, includes a larger number of persons than the Colonel had been wont to think constituted the people.

The popular demonstration in favor of the street railway shows that the people are aroused, and propose to make themselves heard. There are no valid reasons for opposing the road, and it was painful to see the strained effort made by the opposition to concoct a plausible plea against it. The needs of the people are more important than the interests of a few men, and the time has gone by when the desires of the people of Rumford can be disregarded.

The selectmen took the matter under advisement and at 4 p. m. the following day signed the petition.

CATTLE AND PIGS.

Some Suggestions as to Their Care in the Hot Weather.

Give the stables a good coat of whitewash. Put a cupful of strong coffee in the calf's skim milk; it will cure scours.

Always put a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in the milk for the calf or pigs. It is good for them, even though the milk be fresh from the separator.

Watch the fences between the pasture and the orchard. The perfume of early apples is very tempting to the cattle.

Sow rye for fall and winter pasture. Sow early so as to get as large a growth as possible before winter. In the spring you will have pasture a month before grass is ready. Four bushels to the acre, drilled in, is about right.

Islands are bad for milch cows. They will help reduce the flow of milk. Feed heavier, or give fresh corn-stalks at night.

Keep the pigpen clean. Give the pigs pusley weed, as they are very fond of it, and it will do them good. Also sweet apples, but not sour ones. You will find plenty to keep the pigs without any feed.

Above all, keep the outbuildings nice and clean, with plenty of air, and you will not be troubled with all kinds of diseases.

CONCERNING HORSES.

Hints as to Their Feed and Care—How to Give a Drench.

Rye may be fed advantageously to horses. Two quarts of oats with one of rye are about equivalent to four quarts of oats.

It is better to have the rye cracked—not ground.

A bunch of smartweed rubbed on the horse will keep the flies away. Take care of the coat. Start early to feed a few oats. He should be well groomed and constantly handled. Accustom him early to harness.

To give a horse a drench, place a stout rope in his mouth and around upper jaw. Back him up in a stall or corner. Throw loose and of rope over beam overhead and let another man hold it taut or loose as required. Stand on a box and lift horse's head up. Take a slack of the rope and hold head in position. The mouth of a long-necked bottle, containing the drench, should be loosely placed in the horse's nostril, and contents allowed to run out. Not a drop will be spilled, if properly managed, as the animal is obliged to swallow at once.

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Pleasant Evening Reveries—A Columbian

We think that with most of personal surroundings wield influence in making us happy or wise. We should therefore make them always as pleasant as possible. So far as our means permit, we should seek to adorn our homes all that is bright and pleasant are all familiar with the house advertisements which "all the comforts of home" for dollars per week and though advertisements are always sadly yet they are the strongest tribute to the fact that civilization highest ideal of happiness is in of the home.

The secret of success in life keep busy, to be persevering, and untiring in the pursuit of you are following. The busy of now and then make mistakes, better to risk these than to be inactive. Keep doing, whether work or recreation. Motion is the busiest are the happiest. Creative labor is a blessing. A philosopher says:—the firefly shines on the wing. So it is with mind; when once we rest we are

Ask yourself hard questions yourself. Ascertain from yourself. Ascertain from sources if you are really the of man you say you are; if you always honest; if you always square perfect truth in business if your life is as good and up eleven o'clock at night as it noon; if you are as good a man on fishing excursions as you at a Sunday School picnic; if you as good when you go out to as when you are at home; if, in you are the sort of a man your hopes you are and your sweetheaves you to be.

Real Homes.

There are husbands and whose love is so deep that each only to have what will do best for other and for their children. men and women belong to no particular class, they are to be found among the great middle classes and among laboring people. Such folks are in their affections, honest with other and honest with the world, homes are not places for show what the name implies—place of happiness and inspiration of good. These homes may consist of one or three rooms or may be palaces the influence is always good. In ways such homes that make the sweeter and better, and expect shows us that they are common country.

The chief cause of unhappiness life is discontent. It is a pebble in human nature seldom or to be satisfied with our own lot to be always envying that of some else, entirely losing sight of the fact that no one can escape trouble, no matter what line of life he may adopt that no matter how bad his lot seem he can always find many situations are infinitely worse. farmer whose sheep are killed by whose peach and apple blossoms frost bitten, and whose children the ague envies the minister who thinks, has nothing to do but write or two sermons a week and enjoy self the rest of the time, when the man of the ministerial cloth, with flour barrel and his woodshed and his salary far in arrears, and his parents had made him a farmer.

The Man Who Laughs.

The man whose "ha! ha!" resounds from one end of the street to the other may be the same fellow who seizes his wife and spanked his baby but he got his breakfast, but his laugh is only the crackle of thorns under the pot. The man who spreads his laughter through his life—before his breakfast, when he misses the train, when his wife goes visiting, and he has a cold supper; the man who laughs when he finds a button off shirt, when the furnace fire goes in the night and both of the come down with the measles at the same time—he's the man that's not ed.

He never tells his neighbor to faith. Somehow he puts faith in him. He delivers no homilies; sight of his beaming face, the sight of his happy voice, and the sight of his blessed daily life, early convince that words have no power to give. b'nes flee before him as the fog before the west wind. He comes into our home like a flood of sunshine over a meadow of blooming buttercups, his wife and children blossom in presence like June roses. His life is redolent with sympathy and love. The neighborhood is better for his and somebody will learn of him laughter is better than tears. The world needs the man. Are there 'so few like him? Can he

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Evening Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

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The world needs this man. Why are there so few like him? Can he be

created? Can he be evolved? Why is he not in every house, turning rain into shine and winter into summer all the year round until life is a perpetual season?

Husband and Wife.

O the union of husband and wife, which is the most intimate and confidential relationship on earth, there must be something more than superficial admiration, the one for the other. These two have pledged to one another a life-long consecration. Their interest is to be in common. Nothing can afford one without equally affecting the other. For weal or woe, they have joined hands, and to the whole outside world they present a united front.

And yet if testimony should be taken, it would be found that many married people have not been perfectly happy during the years of wedlock. There has been friction. There has been disappointment. The little rift has been suffered to open the way for estrangement.

"We decided," said a man whose long life has been singularly tranquil and satisfactory—we decided, my wife and I, when we were married, that we should never let the sun go down on any lack of peace between us. We would ask one another's pardon if necessary, but we would never quarrel. One or the other should always give up a point on which both could not agree, and whatever else came to us, we resolved to have no discord.

Lend a helping hand. If a man is unfortunate, try to lift him up. The people who knew this or that was going to happen, the "I told you so" people, are a detriment to the community. If they would always say a good word instead of a discouraging one, how much better things would be. Study and know the interest of your home. Buy of home merchants. Stay at home nights. Attend some church, look forward to good times and all will feel better, be happier and enjoy life better.

DIXFIELD ITEMS.

A special meeting of Monitor Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was held Wednesday night for the conferring of degrees. As the regular meeting came on Christmas night, a special dispensation was granted and the meeting held Dec. 19th instead.

Miss Agnes Haven Russell will sing at the evening service in the Universalist church Sunday. The lecture will be the last of the series given by Rev. Harry Daniels and Mr. Linwood P. Hosley. Miss Russell will be entertained by Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant over Sunday.

Mrs. William Putnam of Bethel and Mrs. Downs of Rumford Falls were guests at the National House at dinner Tuesday, and attended the Universalist church fair.

Mrs. D. A. Gates and daughter, Rachel, are visiting Mrs. Eugene Kidder of Rumford Falls this week.

J. P. Edmunds returned Saturday from a fur buying and selling trip.

S. L. Hammonds is soon to open a billiard room in Harlow Block.

Mt. Sugarloaf Grange will have a Christmas tree for the members and their friends Monday night, Dec. 24th, in the grange hall.

Mrs. William Humphrey of Rumford Falls was the guest of Mrs. William Kidder a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Walters and Miss Edna Edmunds were at Rumford Falls, Monday.

A Christmas concert for the children will be held Sunday noon in the Free Baptist church in place of the regular Sunday school session. There will also be a pleasant surprise for each boy and girl.

Mt. Sugarloaf Grange will give a social dance in the grange hall Saturday evening.

Frank Marshall and Nellie Masterman both of this place were united in marriage Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Eugene Taylor by Rev. Harry Daniels.

Miss Molly Lynch of Kansas City, who has been a volunteer army nurse for a number of years, came to Dixfield recently to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Scott Chase. Miss Lynch is 78 years old and is a bright and interesting lady.

The ladies of the Free Baptist church held a very enjoyable social in the grange hall Wednesday evening. Each lady brought with her a hat frame and trimmings and the gentlemen evolved some very stunning creations from the materials furnished them, and were rewarded for their diligence by the company of the lady to whom the hat belonged, at supper.

Sheriff George Dorkum made an arrest last week of a man who was illegally transporting liquor. The man was fined and sent to jail for thirty days.

O. L. Blanchard and L. H. Veilleux of Rumford Falls were in town on Dis-

ness Tuesday.

Mrs. George Atwood of South Paris is visiting her sister, Miss Gertrude Harlow, this week.

Rev. Harry M. Daniels and his mother will spend Christmas in Alton Bay, N. H. Mr. Daniels will return the same week but Mrs. Daniels will remain for two weeks.

Mrs. Robinson of West Peru was the guest of Mrs. Otto Holt, Tuesday.

Mrs. John Hutchinson of Carthage is working at the National House.

Mrs. William Humphrey of Rumford Falls attended the meeting of the Monitor Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, Wednesday evening.

Harold Marsh and his friend, Mr. Merrill of Bowdoin College, are expected home Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation.

There will be special music for the skating on Christmas afternoon and evening at the rink.

Mrs. Daniels spent Monday at Rumford Falls.

Miss Millie Russell returned home from Portland Saturday.

Miss M. Louise Staples was in town Tuesday. She attended the Universalist church fair.

The National House is doing a very extensive business this winter, and often is not able to accommodate all the guests.

Dr. J. S. Sturtevant attended the meeting of the Oxford County Medical Association, Monday, at Hebron.

The lecture entitled, "An Unsuccessful Hero," which was to be delivered by George Emery Fellows of the University of Maine this Thursday night, has been postponed. The date is not known at this writing.

Mrs. Sarah Putnam of Rumford Falls was the guest of Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant this week.

Rev. Harry M. Daniels will deliver a Christmas sermon Sunday morning in the Universalist church and at 12 o'clock a special children's program will be given, in which the Sunday school scholars will participate.

After the regular meeting of Welcoming Rebekah Lodge next Wednesday evening, a short entertainment will be given and the members will enjoy a Christmas tree and social time.

A merry party of Dixfield young people enjoyed a sleigh ride to Canton Point last Friday night. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marsh, the Misses Grace Decker, Bessie Marsh, Abbie Howe, Minnie Holland, Gertrude Harlow, Florence Marsh and Thomas P. Holt, Arthur Stowell and George Thompson.

Jamie Sturtevant is expected home Saturday from Bowdoin College to spend the Christmas vacation.

Dixfield folks are complaining of the alleged poor service they get from the Telephone Company, and the central office at Rumford Falls gets the blame.

Cowpeas furnish excellent grazing for lambs and yearlings. They are strong in protein, even when green, and furnish a well-balanced food. Do not begin to pasture peas until they are quite mature, which will be when the pods are turning yellow. If, says the Farm and Home, a small amount of grain is fed while the lambs are pastured upon peas the growth will be very satisfactory. Hay made from peas is also a very good food for lambs and if crop is harvested before it gets too ripe will last long into the fall and prove much better than dry hay.

Clover Ensilage. Clover makes a good silage if cut fine and packed solidly in the silo. Some farmers have tried putting clover in whole with a hay fork, but it is not a good feed and is very difficult to handle. The best silage is made by mixing corn, clover and peas in about equal proportions.

To Fight Cabbage Worm. As a preventive of cabbage worms with every gallon of finely sifted wood ashes or slaked lime mix thoroughly two teaspoonsful of coal oil. While the dew is on or after a shower sprinkle the plants with the preparation.

Underground Silos. Underground silos are of no particular value. They cost more to build than those above ground and it is much more difficult and laborious to get the silage out to feed.

Nitrogen cannot be put back on the land by the help of legumes unless there is enough of the fertilizing element in the soil to give the leguminous crop a good start.

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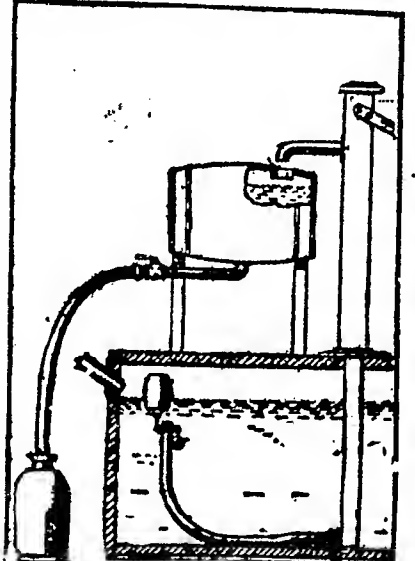
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A Novel Pump Which Discriminates Between Cream and Milk.

The apparent ease in separating cream from the remaining skimmed milk is well illustrated in an apparatus recently patented by a Wisconsin dairyman. Expensive machinery and steam power are not necessary by this method. Instead, he uses a



Sectional View of Skimmer.

suitable reservoir in which the milk is allowed to settle a suitable time until the cream has formed at the top. Above the reservoir is an ordinary pump, the suction being on the bottom of the reservoir. Attached to the end of the pump is a rubber hose, a float keeping the free end of the hose a certain distance below the cream at the top of the reservoir. A discharge pipe, having a stop cock, is attached to the receptacle, from which the skimmed milk can be distributed to cans.

WATER THE MILK.

But See That the Water Goes Through the Cow.

The dairy cow requires plenty of water. The dairy machine is run by water power; all the food consumed must be in solution before it can nourish the animal economy, and the milk itself is 87 per cent. water. Under ideal arrangements pure water is accessible to the cow at all times. She drinks little and often, in the aggregate, however, many gallons daily. The cows on succulent feed do not drink so much as those on dry rations, but likely actually consume more water when one considers the water content of the feed. This may explain somewhat the good results obtained by feeding roots. The succu-

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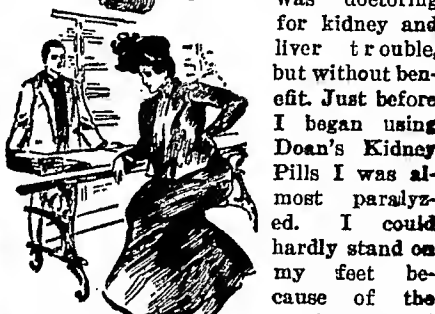
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HAPPY WOMEN.

Wouldn't any woman be happy, After years of backache suffering, Days of misery, nights of unrest, The distress of urinary troubles, To find relief and cure? No reason why any reader Should suffer in the face of evidence like this:

Mrs. Almira A. Jackson, of East Front St., Traverse City, Mich., says: "For



twenty years I was doctoring for kidney and liver trouble, but without benefit. Just before I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I was almost paralyzed. I could hardly stand on my feet because of the numbness and lack of circulation. Had a knife been thrust into my kidneys the pain could not have been more intense. My sleep was disturbed by visions of distorted figures. The kidney secretions were annoyingly irregular, and I was tortured with thirst and always bloated. I used seven boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills. The bloating subsided until I weighed 100 pounds less, could sleep like a child and was relieved of the pain and the irregularity of the kidney action. My circulation is good and I feel better in every way."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Jackson will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists; price, 50 cents per box.

Naturally She Was Surprised.

"Why, papa," said the fair girl, "wasn't that singular?"

"Wasn't what singular?" the old gentleman asked, as he examined the railway tickets which he had just purchased.

"The man at the window was actually polite, and he didn't seem to think it impertinent of us to want to ride on this road."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Almost Fearless.

"I want a woman to make balloon ascensions; she must be totally devoid of fear."

"I know just the woman you want."

"Is she fearless?"

"The only thing on earth that she fears is a mouse."

"We'll take her; we don't expect the impossible."—Houston Post.

Worked Before Eating.

"Do you ever take any exercise after a hearty meal, my man?" asked the lady at the back door, with an eye in the direction of her wood-pile.

"Do I?" replied the tramp between bites.

"Why, ma'am, I've been walking all morning after this one!"—Yonkers Statesman.

True.

"Do you think women control their tongues better than men?"

"Sure. I never yet saw a man who could control a woman's tongue."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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Lillian Russell Sandwich.
Miss Lillian Russell is the inventor
of those between-meal deli-
cacies, which, if the laudatory remarks
her friends are to be depended upon,
is both unique and tasty. To make
this delicacy—for "delicacy" is the
word that is applied to it by all who
have eaten it—one must take an equal
amount of cold boiled chicken and
cold boiled tongue, the meat of a dozen
eggs and six hard-boiled eggs. Mix
these ingredients together and
shape them as fine as possible. When
they have attained almost the con-
sistency of a powder they must be
pressed into a paste by the addition
of a mayonnaise dressing, after which
the mixture is ready to be spread
thinly sliced buttered bread.

For a Tough Steak.
To make a tough steak tender
heat the steak with olive oil instead
of butter. This will break the fibers
and let the juice run out into the
broth. Let it remain an hour or so be-
fore cooking. Broil quickly so that
the side will be thoroughly seared,
then broil the other side. Cook in the
juices without losing them. Add a
small piece of butter in two
spoonfuls of vinegar and pour it
over the steak while hot. This makes
an appetizing gravy. Lemon juice can
be used instead of vinegar, if pre-
ferred.

Rugs from Old Carpeting.
After a house cleaning the house-
wife is often confronted with a heap
of old carpeting. Some may be fairly
good, some much worn, some ingrain,
some Brussels, and she is at her
wits' end to know what to do with
it. It is a surprise to many to know
that this mass of unsightly material
can be made into really beautiful
rugs. The weavers understand mixing
in such a way that the most un-
happy combinations come out very
well.

JUST FOR LUCK.
My daughter was to wed
and I disapproved the match.
Thinking that the Johnny was
deadly no catch.
I argued his daughter raised,
and I met it;
I ask for my approval, dear,
said, "for you won't get it."
"I wish you joy" "I won't," he said,
to his word he stuck;
I said, "you'll throw an old
ruff after us for luck!"
I don't mind that, for long ago
I really should have tried it;
I row a big boat after him,
keep my foot inside it.

Brilliant Idea.
er—Tapeleigh, the dry goods
has a scheme that keeps his
filled with customers.
er—Advertising scheme, eh?
er—No, not exactly. He keeps
at just inside the door that ex-
"Oh, what a pretty young
every time a woman comes
and, of course, the woman can't
the temptation to go in and buy
ing.—Chicago Daily News.

Looking Forward.
young man had just screwed
courage to the point of asking
man for the hand of his daugh-
ter.
"You given any thought to the
"asked the old man.
"yes," answered the young man,
ed the church last winter."
Daily News.

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GARDEN TOOLS.

The Selection of the Right Ones of
Great Importance.

The selection of garden tools avail-
able for a man who wants to do
things right is now an extremely im-
portant one. He may have as com-
plicated paraphernalia as the golf player
if he chooses. There are all kinds of
pushing and pulling hoes, and weed-
ing, wheel hoes and horse tools. It is
hardly practicable for any man to run
the whole gamut, even if expense is
no object to him. The fact is that
many of the tools are adapted only to
special crops or special soils. Still,
the up-to-date gardener will certain-
ly provide himself with a consid-
erable number of these helps, and from
day to day he will employ that one
best adapted to do the task in hand.

In the mere matter of hoes there
have been improvements. As a rule,
the blade of the modern hoe is made
thinner and lighter than formerly. In-
fact, one of the most conspicuous dif-
ferences between those regions which
still practice a semi-civilized kind of
agriculture and those in which the
most advanced ideas are held, is this
difference in the weight of hoes.

Wherever one finds the big, clumsy,
eight-pound hoe in use, he may decide
at once that all forms of agriculture
are still laboring in the depths of ig-
norance and superstition. For garden
work, a light hoe is especially desir-
able. Those forms with narrow blades
are usually better than those with
wide blades. In a few places one is
able to buy hoes from which the up-
per corners of the blades have been
cut away, leaving a sharp angle at the
center end of the blade. This is a great
convenience in hoeing small crops,
such as lettuce, beets, carrots, etc.

The sharp point at the corner of the
hoe is particularly convenient for get-
ting in close about the small plants
and removing weeds from the rows
where the plants stand thickly to-
gether.

There are still some gardeners, and
many general farmers, who do not
know what a scuffle hoe is, says the
Country Gentleman. It is barely pos-
sible that there are some farms on
which the scuffle hoe will be a super-
fluous tool, but it is hard to imagine
what the circumstances of those farms
would be. A scuffle hoe will work on
very stony or very trashy ground, but
everywhere else it will do good service.

For the best work the soil must be
smooth, level, free from stones and
grass, and in first-class condition. This
is the proper, and one might say the
ordinary, condition of garden land.

Wherever such crops as beets, man-
golds, parsnips, carrots, onions and the
like are grown in narrow rows, the
scuffle hoe is a great labor-saver.

There are several different types of
the scuffle hoe, but as a rule the sim-
ple ones are better. A very popular
sort has a toe or gauge running ahead
of the knife-blade. By this contrivance
one is able to gauge more accurately
the depth to which the blade cuts.

The same contrivance helps also in
steering the hoe and in giving it a
steady motion. Considerable practice
is required to do the best kind of
work with this implement, but it is

MENTAL TELEGRAPH

BY ITS USE LOST PARTS OF MA-
CHINERY WERE FOUND.

Civil Engineer Has Remarkable Ex-
perience While Building Road in
India—Developed to a Won-
derful Degree.

"Many persons deride the idea of
mental telegraphy, but if they would
spend a year or two in India, as I did,
and work shoulder to shoulder with
the educated East Indians they would
cease their scoffing," said G. R. Scrog-
ham, organization manager for the
International policyholders' committee,
and one of the most prominent elec-
tric railway men in Ohio. "It is won-
derful to what a degree of perfection
those people over there have de-
veloped the faculty of wireless commu-
nication without the aid of any instru-
ment other than their sensitive brains.

They were using the wireless system
over three centuries before Marconi
and De Forest were born.

"Let me give you an instance in
point, and it is only one of many
which changed me from a skeptic to
a convert. Several years ago, when I
was in active work as a civil engineer
with railroad construction as my spe-
cialty, I went to India to assist in
building a line into the interior. We
came to a heading where the use of
rock drills, of the tripod style you see
in use here in New York in making
excavations was absolutely necessary.

This had been foreseen in the surveys
made in advance of the construction
work, and we had ordered a battery
of those steam drills. Finally we
worked right up to the place where
we needed them, and we could not do
much more effective work until we
got them.

"I was in the office one day, turning
and fretting about those drills and
wondering whether the steamship up-
on which they should have arrived
had reached Calcutta and whether the
drills were in her cargo. I asked one
of my assistants if he had heard any-
thing from Calcutta, which was many
miles away. He replied in the nega-
tive. He had not even received ad-
vices that the steamship had arrived.

"I was turning away in discontent
when one of the East Indians who had
been assigned by the government to
assist us, stepped forward. He was
educated highly and spoke English flu-
ently.

"Excuse me," he said, "were you
asking if the steamship had arrived?"
"Yes—we are expecting several
steam drills on her and cannot do
much more work until we get them,"
I replied.

"She arrived this morning and the
drills have been unloaded from her,"
said the East Indian. "They are on the
pier now, but something seems to be
missing from them. Are they funny
looking things that stand on three
legs?"

"I told him they were and showed
him a picture of one of the drills.
He looked at it carefully and then re-
plied:

"Yes; they're what are in those
long packages on the pier, but that
part is missing from each of them."
"He indicated an essential part in
the body of the drill as that which
was missing from each. At first I was
inclined to regard what he said as a
joke, but his seriousness impressed
me. I instructed the operator to wire
to Calcutta and ascertain what the
condition was. In a little while he
received a reply which corroborated
everything the East Indian had told
me, and, worst of all, that when the
cases were opened it was discovered
the parts were missing. That meant
long delay, because the drills were
worthless without the missing parts.

In my dilemma I called the East In-
dian to me and said:
"Can you tell me whether those
missing parts were shipped with the
drills?"
"Without hesitation he replied:
"Yes; but they have not been
taken from the ship."
"Where are they?" I inquired.
"They are away down in the hold,
beneath a lot of heavy bales which are
going to be taken to another port," he
said, with perfectly serious face.

"I summoned the telegraph opera-
tor and instructed him to wire our
representative in Calcutta what the
East Indian had told me. With that
information I gave instructions that
the bales in the hold should be re-
moved and the missing drill parts got
from beneath them. Within three
hours I received a return message
that my orders had been carried out
and that the missing parts had been
found exactly where the East Indian
said they were concealed. In a few
days thereafter the drills reached us
and were put at work cutting into the
rock in the heading. After that experi-
ence, and others like it, do you won-
der that I believe in mental telegraphy
as it is practiced in India by the edu-
cated East Indians?"

ONE GREAT ROUTE.

5,000-MILE PAN-AMERICAN RAIL
ROAD IN SIGHT.

Immense Project Long Planned Has
Now Actually Been Commenced—
Money to Complete It Is
Arranged For.

Another link is in sight for the
5,000-mile Pan-American railroad
which will some day en- a citizen
of Alaska to make a co- a train
journey through zone. ate,
tropic and again temp- at
the Straits of Magellan. its
hance in antarctic chil- water—a
scenic railway crossing the Panama
canal, with a grade rising from below
sea level to 12,000 feet above on the
majestic plateaus of the Andes!

Is it a dream of enthusiasm? Then
must hard-headed bankers of New
York have suddenly become overen-
thusiastic in supplying \$15,000,000 of
capital, and the president of Bolivia
quite lost his wits when the other day
he started with so much pomp the
building of the new railway lines in
his country, says the New York Trib-
une. Speyer & Co. and the National
City bank, never accused of overen-
thusiasm before, are the capitalists.

They agree to supply another \$10,000,
000, if necessary, and the Bolivian
government promises to make repay-
ment within 25 years from date. More
than \$10,000,000 is to be provided for
railways by the people who name
themselves after El Libertador Simon
Bolivar, making the total about \$37,
500,000.

It is true that this money will be
largely used on the lines of a general
system of internal railway develop-
ment, yet Bolivia will be bisected by
a trunk road from Peru, on the north,
to Argentina on the south, following
the surveyed route of the Pan-Am-
erican scheme. The main line of this
trunk will be 450 miles long, adding
264 miles to the existing but inade-
quate and probably to be superseded
route of the narrow gauge Antofagasta
railroad. All internal lines projected,
total a distance of nearly 1,000 miles,
about five times the length of those
existing. They include Viacha to
Forte Pando, 201 miles; Viacha to
Oruro, 188 miles; Oruro to Potosi, 168
miles; Oruro to Cochabamba, 128
miles, and Oruro to Tupiza, 126 miles.

From two to ten years is estimate
as the time necessary to complete the
various sections.

Of the 15 republics that are coop-
erating to startle with the locomotive
whistle the condor sailing over An-
dean abysses and to compete with
llama, donkey and Indian as freight
carriers, Bolivia and Peru are now
showing the greatest activity. The
dizzy engineering feats of climbing
the higher mountains of the world, en-
larging the gold bearing Inca's trail
along precipices, tunneling through
impassable rock walls and shuttling
back and forth on steel spans across
tortuous chasms never passed by man,
have already been accomplished with
large success in Peru. The pioneer
genius of Henry Meigs has its monu-
ments.

It inspires a poet to think of the
snow-clad peaks rising four miles in
air. It makes a railway traffic man-
ager rub his hands when he considers
the present llama-donkey-Indian style
of transportation at a minimum cost
of 20 cents a ton a mile. Moreover,
a railway runs at the same speed and
at equal cost in both directions. What
will happen to the old-established wa-
ter routes of South America, that take
twice, as long and double cost to go
upstream? It takes two weeks to
float a cargo of rubber, gold or cof-
fee 1,310 miles down the Madeira
river, but a month for boats to go up.

And in the dry season, when the river
runs low, traffic is at a standstill.

The Pan-American line, as starting
from the present Mexican railroad ter-
minus at Ayutla, the northern bound-
ary of Guatemala, and extending to
the river Quiaca, of the boundary be-
tween Bolivia and Argentina (whence
existing lines run south and east), it
is estimated will cost \$200,000,000.

Mileage and cost are surpassed by
single systems in this country, it is
pointed out. Some engineers, think-
ing of gulfs and heights to conquer,
have deemed the average estimate of
\$40,000 a mile optimistic. Yet the
actual cost of a road from Lake Titi-
caca, the inland sea of South America,
corresponding to Baikal in Siberia, to
Bolivia's capital city, La Paz, has
proved to be only \$18,000 a mile. This
line begins to run along the great cen-
tral plateau of Bolivia, a prairie 12,
000 feet above the sea, and misty
with clouds, yet surmounted by the
lordly peaks, more than four miles
high, of the Illampu Cordilleras. On
this majestic plain the present main
line is to be built. Here the engi-
neering difficulties are practically nil,
and there is no fear of encountering
such a chilterna as the moving moun-
tain that lately baffled the builders of
an Argentine railroad. The mountain
is a great cone of mud, that changes
its shape when the river Medio frets
in the rainy season. A steel span
820 feet long is believed to have con-
quered the unstable foe.

When "Booking" Meant "Booking."
A railway clerk will nowadays
"book" 800 passengers an hour; for-
merly when he had really to book
them, to write their names in a book,
he would have thought the 800 a
good day's work. The saving of labor
has been enormous, and unlike most
inventions, the ticket remains much
as it was at first. It is still numbered
and dated, as it was then, and its only
changes have been in color and the
words printed on it.—London An-
swers.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. O. B. Farwell with his team is
working for Mr. Orlando Buck.
Mr. Elmer Trask and Carl Swan
have gone to Bemis to work for the
winter.

Miss Jennie Swan and Miss Rosy
Greenwood have gone to South Paris
where they have work.
Mr. A. H. Bartlett and J. Cleve
Bartlett of South Framingham, Mass.,
are at their home here for the Christ-
mas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sanborn and
little daughter of South Paris are
spending a few weeks with relatives
here.

Miss Etta Bean is having a short
vacation at her home here, and goes
to Norway January 1st.

NEWRY.
Mrs. W. F. Small is spending the
holidays in Portland.

The school closed here last Friday
night. Miss Mattie Littlebale, the
teacher, has shown herself willing to
do her part towards making it a suc-
cessful year of school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tuell of North
Paris visited their daughter, Mrs. A. B.
Brost last Thursday returning home
Friday.

Mrs. C. H. L. Powers has gone to
Worcester, Mass., for a visit to her
daughter, Mrs. D. S. Hathorne.

L. W. Ramsell, wife and daughter
are at Waterford this week.

Of course you pay your money,
But you get your money's worth,
For what does money mean to you
When Rocky Mountain Tea's on
earth? W. E. Bosserman.

NORWAY.
John Stearns of Lewiston spent
Christmas with his cousin, Donald
Bartlett.

Mrs. Lena Swett and Geneva Wins-
low gave a portrait party at the lat-
ter's home on Tuckers street, Friday
evening.

Agnes Sanborn, who is teaching
school in Newton Center, Mass., spent
the holidays at her father's D. S. San-
born's.

Oscar J. Tubbs, who is attending
Colby college, came home last week to
spend the holidays with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Tubbs.

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MEXICO.

Mrs. John Wyman and Mrs. Martin Nile spent Saturday in Lewiston. Mrs. C. E. Swett of Andover is the guest of her nephew, Henry P. Holt and wife.

Rufus H. Douglass of North Jay visited his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Vandenberg, this week.

Rev. J. G. Fisher was called to Andover Thursday and Saturday of last week to attend funerals.

Benjamin Saverns and Moses Knox of Madison were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Leckey, Friday.

Mrs. Huntton, who has been spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. Clarke G. Fellows, returned to her home in Augusta Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Smith attended the meeting of Pomona Grange in Canton last Friday.

The Baptist Ladies' Circle was entertained by Mrs. L. H. McColister Wednesday afternoon.

R. M. Brown of Wilton was in town on business this week.

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Howes attended the quarterly meeting of the Oxford Baptist Association at Norway, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gammon will entertain Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gammon of Dixfield, Christmas.

Mrs. Mary Hayes has returned from a visit with relatives in Buckfield.

Mrs. Weston Toothaker was in Lewiston this week.

W. H. Kelley went to Canton Point last Friday night to play with Chase's orchestra.

Mrs. Andrew Lang has returned from a visit of several weeks in Carthage.

Rev. M. S. Howes' subject for Sunday morning worship at the Baptist church was "The Inspiration of the Scripture," and he delivered a very fine sermon on the subject.

Miss Vera Lovejoy is recovering from a very severe cold.

Mrs. Edith Mitchell has returned from a visit in North Jay and is the guest of her brother, John Wyman for a few days.

Mrs. Arthur R. Vandenberg went to North Jay Tuesday to remain until after Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus H. Douglass, and will be joined by Mr. Vandenberg for Christmas.

H. B. Whitman has been confined to the house with a bad cold during the last week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. J. G. Fisher Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. M. S. Howes of Mechanic Falls was the guest of Mrs. L. H. McColister Friday and Saturday.

Ira T. Wing was in Canton Friday to attend the meeting of Pomona Grange.

Miss Minnie Fuller closed school at the White Schoolhouse Friday, and is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Frye.

The quarterly meeting of the Oxford Baptist Association was held at the Norway Baptist church Wednesday and Thursday.

Born, to the wife of H. C. Wing, an eight pound daughter, Thursday night, Dec. 13th.

Mrs. Vena Galloupe closed her school in the Back Kingdom Friday, and gave an entertainment in the school Saturday evening, in which the scholars participated, with credit to themselves and their teacher.

Vivien Richards, with a crew of 13 men, has gone to Conway, N. H., where he is getting out timber for the White Mountains Paper Co. of Portsmouth.

Mrs. Ralph A. Curtis went to Canton this week to teach school.

Edgar Fisher is expected home from Bowdoin College to spend the ten days' Christmas vacation.

The infant son of G. B. Rounds and wife of Whitman street, died Wednesday, Dec. 12th, after a long sickness of brain fever and pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted at the home Friday afternoon by Rev. James G. Fisher, and the body was taken Saturday morning to Brownville for interment.

Arthur J. Flansburgh, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Vandenberg during the past week, has returned to his home in New York.

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CANTON.

Mabel Blanchard has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey of Andover were guests of their cousin, Miss Sadie Bailey, last week, and attended the meeting of Pomona Grange.

Quite a number of the young people attended the dance at Penn Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Childs and daughter, Flossie, visited at Lewiston a few days the past week, the guests of Mr. Jones Bonney and family.

Waite and Oliver each brought home a nice deer as a result of their hunting expedition.

E. E. Whitman went to Lewiston Monday to visit his mother, Carol Whitmore, who has just had a serious operation performed for appendicitis.

Miss Agnes Merrill was in Rumford Falls Monday.

A serious accident occurred at the home of E. E. Caldwell Monday morning, when Mrs. Caldwell, while making preparations to attend the State Grange at Augusta, stepped into the shed in such a way as to break her ankle. She was attended by Dr. Morse.

John K. Forhan was in Rumford on business Monday and Tuesday.

At a regular meeting of Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., held Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., Mrs. A. M. Briggs; W. P., C. E. Mendall; Asso. M., Mrs. J. K. Forhan; Sec., Mrs. L. W. Smith; Treas., Mrs. S. A. Childs; Cond., Mrs. C. E. Mendall; Asso. Cond., Mrs. A. A. Eastman.

Mrs. L. W. Smith was in the twin cities a few days the last of the week.

The new public library books are to be kept at the store of C. H. Gilbert, and are now ready for the public.

Mrs. C. F. Oldham and Mrs. A. P. York visited at Orasmus Bartlett's.

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Hartford, Sunday.

Master Merton Holt, son of Abel Holt of Livermore Falls, is taking violin lessons of G. F. Towle.

Towle's orchestra furnishes music for a ball at North Turner, New Years eve.

Mrs. A. M. Briggs and daughter, Mildred, were at Livermore Falls Monday.

Walter L. Gray of Paris was in town on business Wednesday of last week.

A ball at Livermore is advertised for New Years night.

Miss Alice Oliver is at home from Hebron Academy for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Briggs and Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs went to Freeman Thursday of last week to attend the funeral services of an uncle, Mr. Frank Briggs, who died very suddenly of heart disease.

G. W. Moore went to Portland Monday.

Alvah Merrill of Turner Center was at G. F. Towle's Sunday.

R. B. Stratton of Rumford Falls was in town Monday.

Miss Theda Glover of Livermore Falls has been the guest of A. A. Glines and family.

On returning home from Pomona Grange Wednesday, C. E. Richardson found his pet goat drowned in the watering trough. Clearly a case of suicide. Inquest unnecessary.

Among those who took advantage of the excursion to Lewiston and Auburn, merchants' week were Mr. and Mrs. Ray and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swett, J. K. Forhan, F. M. Warren, Mary E. Coburn, Mrs. F. W. Oliver and Mrs. Charles Thompson.

Mrs. John Briggs and daughter, Eva, went to Lewiston Monday.

Sixty couples attended the dancing school at Turner Center Friday night, taught by G. F. Towle.

There will be a union Christmas tree at the Free Baptist church on Christmas eve, and the committee is busy preparing for an appropriate entertainment.

Mrs. C. A. Coolidge is visiting her son, Dr. C. M. Coolidge at North Waterford.

Orlistus Fuller and Eldon Bisbee are at work for M. B. Packard in the lumbering business.

R. L. Stevens and Albert Woodman of Portland were in town on business last week.

E. E. Fuller is at work with his team at Livermore.

We are glad to note that William French has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to resume his labors on the section.

Miss Mabel Carver is teaching the Gilbertville school.

C. T. Bonney has been appointed executor of the estate of the late C. C. Fletcher of Hartford.

Horace Newman is at home for a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coolidge of Lisbon Falls have been visiting at Dr. C. A. Coolidge's and D. B. Dearborn's. The skating rink is closed for a brief season until further notice.

The Primary school re-opened last Monday.

RUMFORD FALLS.

Dr. W. H. Trask is on the sick list this week.

Artell Hall spent Sunday at his home in Damariscotta.

F. H. Richmond returned Monday from a visit in Byron.

Mrs. George Wadlin of Canton was in town last week.

L. S. Tucker will spend Christmas at his home in Portland.

Merle F. Burgess has gone to Canada on a fur buying trip.

Mrs. Alice Curtis of Rumford Point was in town Friday.

Alfred Sparks spent Sunday with his mother in Bowdoinham.

Miss C. P. Williamson will spend Christmas at her home in Boston.

Miss Artemis Gauthier is clerking in F. H. Richmond's store for two weeks.

Miss Lona Felt will spend Christmas week at her home in Bryant's Pond.

Miss Gertrude B. Sands went to her home in Lewiston Saturday to spend Christmas.

Robley Morrison will be home from the University of Maine to spend the holidays.

Miss Katherine Doyle will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. McCarthy, Christmas.

Philip Israelson is expected home Saturday from the University of Maine to spend the holidays.

William McFarlane entertained a party of friends at his home on Washington street Friday evening.

The Misses Rose and Ethel Mathieu are spending the Christmas vacation at their home in Farmington.

Mrs. D. Gates and daughter, Rachel, of Dixfield are guests of her sister, Mrs. Eugene F. Ames, this week.

Harry Decker went last Tuesday to Oakland to spend the Christmas vacation with George Decker and wife.

Mr. Reed, Principal of the Pettengill school, and Mrs. Reed, are spending the holidays in Haverhill, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Israelson and family of Livermore Falls will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marx.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church was omitted this week and the next meeting will be held in the vestry Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27th.

Miss Nellie O'Keefe has taken the place of Miss Rowe at Hotel Rumford.

Mrs. P. M. Rawley and children have returned from a visit to Tenant's Harbor, Me.

Miss Laura Labrie of Berlin has accepted a position keeping the time slips in the International Paper Co.'s mill.

Carl Redmond will spend Christmas in Worcester, Mass., and start Jan. 8th for Florida, where he will spend the rest of the winter.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church have just purchased an elegant new individual communion service for use in the church.

Mrs. H. L. Steinfeld will leave on Christmas day for a trip to Portland and Boston, combining business and pleasure. While in Portland she will visit Mrs. L. Schanauer.

E. W. Mace, who has been employed in the Portland and Rumford Falls Ry. office, went Friday to Portland, where he has a position with the Western Union Telegraph Co.

The solicitor for the Children's Home in Augusta, was in town this week and paid the town a compliment, saying that Rumford Falls is the best place on the list for soliciting money for the maintenance of the home.

The case of E. M. Heath vs. Charles Sudbury and George Chapman, was tried before Judge Johnson Friday, Dec. 14th. The action was to recover an insurance premium of \$5 from each.

Heath got decision against Sudbury, and lost the case against Chapman. Gleason and Blanchard for the plaintiff, McCarthy for the defendants.

Ralph Ruisseau of Boston has recently come to Rumford Falls and is located in Strathglass park, where he will open a studio and give instructions in the art of violin playing.

Mr. Ruisseau made his first appearance before a Rumford Falls audience in the entertainment given by St. Margaret's Guild in St. Barnabas church last Thursday evening, and the audience was delighted with his playing.

Mr. S. A. Ryan, traffic manager for the Continental Bag Co., who has been in town for nearly two months, left for New York Monday.

Mr. Ryan makes several trips to Rumford Falls each year, and has made many friends who wish his headquarters were here all the time.

Officer Brooks prevented a fire from getting under 'headway in the park Sunday night at about seven o'clock.

He saw flames in the house of John Wallace, 26 Ereble street, and rushing in found a bed afire. He put the flaming mattress out of the window and extinguished the flames without much damage resulting. No alarm was rung in.

ANDOVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Rand visited Mr. Rand's sister at Rumford last Sunday.

Noble Small, one of our well known citizens and a very familiar figure on our streets, died last Wednesday, Dec. 12th at his residence on Main street, of a complication of diseases.

The funeral services were held at the Congregational church last Saturday. The interment was in the local cemetery.

The King's Daughters held a very successful Christmas sale and baked bean supper in Union Hall last Wednesday. The hall was very tastefully decorated with evergreen and there were handsome booths with candy and fancy articles on sale. The committees were as follows: Fancy work, Mrs. Timothy Hastings, Mrs. Lloyd Barnes, Mrs. Ernest Milton, Mrs. Bert Hutchins and Mrs. Samuel Marston. Supper, Mrs. Al Dunning, Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy, Mrs. Henry Poor, Mrs. Joel Morton and Mrs. Helen Kimball. Domestic, Mrs. Noble Small, Mrs. Edward Akers, Mrs. Arthur Bell, Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Harvey Newton. Candy, Mrs. F. E. Leslie, Miss Ina Poor, Mrs. Elmer Marston and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston.

There were fourteen deer brought out from Echo Camp last week.

Walley Marston has gone to Cupsuptic Lake to scale for Frank Thomas.

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Desk Chairs	\$2.50 to 7.50	All Brass Bed	\$25.00
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Dressers	\$7.90 to 69.00	Others	\$15.00, 38.00 to 50.00
Big Assortment.		Iron Beds	\$2.25 to 25.00
Princess Dressers	\$11.90 to 40.00	White or Colored.	
Some in Mahogany.		Mattresses	\$2.75 to 25.00
Lace Curtains	59c. to 10.00 pr	Best for the money.	
New Patterns.		Dressing Tables	\$7.90 to 30.00
Muslin Curtains	29c. to \$1.50 pr.	Ask to see them.	
Best Trades in City.		Medicine Cabinets	\$3.75 to 6.50
Portieres	\$2.50 to 5.00 pr.	Good size.	
Best Lines.		Library Tables	\$8.50 to 20.00
Shades	All Cloth. 25c. to 60c.	New Patterns.	
Toilet Sets	\$1.10 to 12.75	Combination Bookcases	\$12.75 to 60.00
Different Colors.		Couch Covers	\$1.39 to 10.00
Pietures	29c. to \$8.00	Some Oriental Patterns.	
New Subjects.		Pedestals	\$1.50 to 7.50
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Oak or Mahogany.			
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Harrison Amber, who has been attending school at Kent's Hill, is at home for the winter.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Leslie at Glenellis this week. Their annual meeting and election of officers will be held on the first Thursday in January.

Claude Marston, who has been ill for the past week, is out again.

Branch Small, who is employed in Houghton's Drug Store in Norwood, Mass., was at home last Saturday to attend his father's funeral.

Henry Abbott, one of Andover's well known citizens, died at the residence of his sister in Lewiston last Tuesday, Dec. 11th, of acute brights disease. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church, Andover, on Thursday.

John Bayley read the sermon at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Mrs. F. E. Leslie and Mrs. Frank Keith visited Rumford Falls this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson visited their son, Wallace Hanson of No. 4 last week.

Dr. Twitchell has purchased three new sleighs for his livery stable.

The Andover Hook and Ladder Co. held their annual meeting last Monday night. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Foreman, H. L. Poor; assistant foreman, R. A. Grover; clerk and treasurer, Sylvanus Poor; steward, James Newton.

The Andover Band held a meeting in Town Hall last Saturday.

Dr. Leslie was at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston last Monday on professional business.

Frank McAllister carried O. F. Hewey to Errol last Thursday.

Hewey has taken a position with Frank Thomas stamping lumber.

Oren Dyke sent out two nice deer last week.

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Miss Edna Ford is visiting at Dixfield village.

Mrs. Alvin Adams and son's wife are spending a few days with her daughter in Auburn.

The Free Will Baptist church workers met at Mrs. Nancy Wittermore's recently. The afternoon was passed both pleasantly and profitably.

Leroy Jenkins has returned home from Charleston, where he has been attending school at Higgins' Institute.

The grangers held a lyceum and pie supper at their hall Friday evening, Dec. 14th. There was a large attendance.

G. M. Walton has sold his pair of team horses to Mr. Archie Coburn of Weld.

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THE DRESSING CASE, thoroughly as good as most \$10.00 dressing cases, stands 6 ft. high, with fancy shaped top, 41x18 inches, and French bevelled mirror 14x24 inches. The cabinet work is good, a rare feature, being the arrangement of two drawers at top. It is carved to match bedstead. Price of dresser alone, \$8.50

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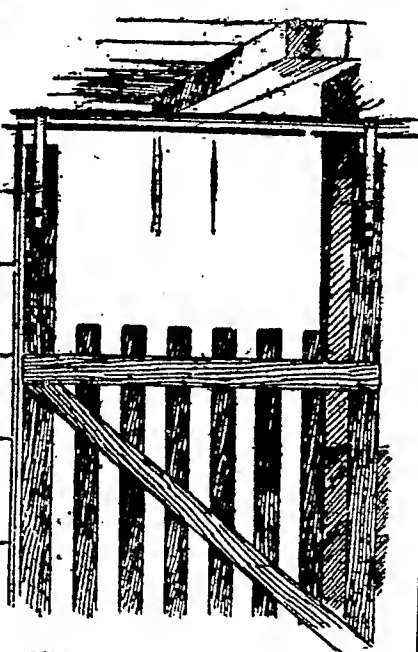
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HANDY SLIDING BARN GATE.

Should Be in Use to Restrain the Cattle and Keep Them Within Bounds.

Where cattle are stabled for the convenience of milking and feeding it is useful in hauling to have small gates hung in alley ways to prevent the stock from becoming unruly. Not infrequently considerable disturbance is brought about in handling a dairy herd while stabling, simply on account of a lack of doors across exposed passageways. In our barn we have small gates located wherever it is necessary



Sliding Gate for Barn Alley.

to prevent the cows going into an alley or feed room while stabling.

The diagram enclosed herewith, says a writer in Prairie Farmer, shows one of the handy gates we have in use. They are great conveniences. The gate proper is made of pine material five inches in width. The gate, of course, is made to fit the place where needed. The two outer pieces are longer and serve as a part of the hanger. The gate is hung upon a two-inch gas pipe, which is in length twice the width of the gate. Iron straps serve the purpose of hangers and slide upon the gas piping as a track.

In our barn we have in use eight of these handy gates and would not think of getting along without them. In one or two instances when stock got loose they doubtless saved the lives of the animals as our feed room is in easy reach of the stable.

ROAD TARRING.

It is Carried on on a Large Scale in France.

Road-tarring on a large scale has been seen in France during the preparation for the Grand Prix race. The tarring is carried out on the Lassally system by the use of the most improved apparatus for heating the tar and applying it to the surface of the road. Commenced on the 25th of May, the operation lasted scarcely ten days for the 500,000 square yards which were covered, employing two gangs, each made up of six drivers and eight horses, together with eight men for spreading the tar, counting the men needed for sanding the road after the tarring. A fine road is the result of this operation, says the Scientific American, and it shows that by the use of the proper apparatus a large extent of road can be treated within a short time and with a small amount of labor. At the last moment the excess of sand which covers the layer of tar will be swept off by the four sweeper wagons employed by M. Lassally, when the cars will be able to run under ideal conditions. Such a process, far from being an extra expense, is now recognized as an actual economy, seeing that the cost of keeping up the road becomes much less, and this pays for the tarring expenses, and may even exceed the latter, as has been found during a long series of observations made in France.

FARM NOTES.

If farm conditions are not ideal, it is in the power of the agriculturist to make them so.

For cutting bands, in threshing time, an old section of a mower, riveted to a piece of wood about eight inches long, works first-rate.

The farmer who now selects and saves seed corn, and takes good care of it, has laid the foundation of a good crop next year.—Farm Journal.

Taking the country as a whole, and averaging the various crops, one thing is sure—the harvest is a very encouraging one, with no signs of famine ahead.

If you pour the potatoes pell-mell into the bin, don't be surprised if they rot. Bruised potatoes are very apt to spoil. That means loss, and loss means hard times by-and-by.

Drive a stake down good and solid put some flat stones around it and stack the beans about it. Put the stalks down well and cover over with a bit of oil-cloth if the weather is bad.

The culture of the earth is the most primitive, natural and extensive employment of civilized life. It brings with it cheerfulness and abundance, and fosters them under its broad wings; never deserting nor winking them from its vigilant protection.

New Cure for Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at W. E. Bosserman's drug store.

REPTILE TO BE DREADED.

South American Snake Whose Bite Is Quickly Fatal.

It is more than 20 years since the deadly South American snake known as bushmaster, of which a specimen has just reached the Zoological gardens at London, was last exhibited by the society.

For obvious reasons it is difficult to obtain exact measurements of a live serpent, but the newcomer appears to be about nine feet long. It is evidently partial to moisture, for it has taken possession of a stoneware pan filled with damp moss, which had been placed in the cage for its benefit. The ground color of its skin is yellowish, and its markings are in the form of dark triangular patches.

The scheme of coloration is bold and renders the creature very conspicuous. This combination of black and yellow is usually present in poisonous reptiles and may thus be taken as a signal of danger. Not only does its large size render the surucucu—to give it its Brazilian name—a most dangerous reptile; its poison fangs are enormous and its bite is quickly fatal. Fortunately for its neighbors this deadly monster is nowhere common.

Where De Quincey Went to Church.

St. Peter's church, Manchester, England, which is shortly to be pulled down, is the church which De Quincey attended as a lad and to which there are some entertaining references in "The Confessions of an Opium Eater." The first rector was De Quincey's tutor, and he possessed apparently a stock of 330 sermons which the pupil confessed became to him "a real instrument of improvement." He only heard half of them, because he attended only the morning services; but he says "Those same 330—2 sermons (lasting only through 16 minutes each) for me became a perfect palaestra of intellectual gymnastics, far better suited to my childish weakness than could have been the sermons of Isaac Barrow or Jeremy Taylor." De Quincey gives his impressions of the opening of the church, which took place when he was in his tenth year. That is now 111 years ago.

First Use of Ice Cream.

Though the ancient Greeks and Romans used ice for table purposes to get through the hot months of summer, they knew nothing of "ices." These were introduced into France from Italy about 1660 and were known at first as "fromages glaces," iced cheeses, although they were made of strawberries and apricots, and contained not a drop of cream. From 1762 the use of "glaces" in the plural was sanctioned by the French academy, but not before 1825 did "une glace" force its way into recognized acceptance. "Ices" are referred to from time to time in the eighteenth century in English people's letters from abroad. "Iced creams," however were known as early as 1689, and by the middle of the eighteenth century "ice cream" figured in cookery books.

Watchmakers Out of Date.

In New York city are about 700 signs that read "Watchmaker," and not a single one of them belongs to a watchmaker, and few that have them could make a watch, and if they could and did the watch would cost about \$100, while any of them can sell a better watch for \$20 that came from a great factory.

Barbers and Surgeons.

In the fourteenth century the barber's craft was recognized as a profession, being allied to surgery. The barbers were confined, as to surgery, to the letting of blood and leeching, and the extraction of teeth, but the surgeons were prohibited from shaving the face.

Good Work Done by Women.

The city council of Birmingham, England, has increased the number of women health inspectors from four to 20, because of the excellent results achieved in the homes of the poor and in the factories. In the same city the policemen have been taught the principles of "first aid."

A Miraculous Cure.

The following statement by H. M. Adams and wife, Henrietta, Pa., will interest parents and others. "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema 5 years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking 7 bottles he was completely cured." It's the up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 at W. E. Bosserman's drug store.

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Oak with single row of drawers \$16.50.

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Solid oak with four sliding shelves \$4.00

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With door front, \$7.50

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HELPED STEAL HIS OWN HOG.

Mean Trick Successfully Played on Maine Farmer.

A well-to-do farmer of Gardiner, Me., was awakened late one night about a year ago by some one loudly pounding on his door. When he asked what was wanted he was informed that a lone man was taking a hog to town in a sheep cart, and in some way piggy had escaped. Would the farmer be so kind as to assist him to reload piggy.

In a few minutes the farmer came down, and made short work of loading piggy into the sheep cart. The other man, with many thanks, resumed his journey, and the farmer went back to bed.

The next morning the farmer rose early and began doing his chores. By and by it came piggy's turn to be fed, but piggy was gone. A large gap in the fence explained his absence.

Then it dawned upon the farmer that he had got up in the night and helped steal his own hog.

Ideas of the Creation of Man.

Indian mythology is quite as beautiful as Biblical lore. Bury your prejudices and read what the aborigines of America say of the creation. The angels Gabriel, Michael and Israfil were sent by God one after the other to bring, for the purpose of creating Adam, seven handfuls of earth from different depths and of different colors (which may account for the various complexions of mankind); but the World, being apprehensive of the consequences and desiring them to represent for her to God that the creature he designed to form would rebel against Him and draw down His curse upon her, they returned without obeying God's command. Whereupon God sent Azaral on the same errand, who executed his commission without remorse; for which reason God appointed that angel to separate the souls from the bodies, being therefore called the Angel of Death.—N. Y. Press.

Night Working Hens.

"I have the smartest flock of hens in Kansas City," said a man who lives on East Fifteenth street the other day.

"Lay boiled eggs, I suppose," ventured his friend.

"No, sir, they don't. But they have learned the best time to work and ought to have credit for it."

"Learn it from you?"

"Well, maybe they did—you see," he continued, "I work nights, and when I come home on the two o'clock owl car this morning I was surprised to see my flock of hens darting about under the arc light in front of the house, catching bugs that were attracted by the light. They may have been waiting for me, for soon after I entered the house they returned orderly to their roosts. Today they were sleepy and didn't leave the henhouse until afternoon."—Kansas City Star.

FARM SEPARATOR CREAM.

Can Be Delivered in Good Order by Proper Care.

The chief difficulty in the way of success in all creameries where the cream is collected instead of the milk is the difficulty of getting the cream delivery in a sweet, clean flavored condition. Patrons who deliver milk know that it must be delivered sweet daily, or at least six times a week in warm weather, in order to have it in a condition fit to make fine butter. On the other hand, cream will remain sweet for a longer time than milk, and most persons consider that it does no harm if the cream sours—in fact, it pays better to have it sour, because they receive a higher test for such cream from those creameries using the oil test. This is the chief reason why the oil test should be discarded in favor of the Babcock, which latter test places a premium on sweet cream.

In order to get sweet cream for creameries the two main requisites are to keep everything clean and to keep the cream as cold as possible until it is delivered at the creamery. The first requisite should be easy, but many persons fall here for the same reason that an old bachelor failed in getting good results in his cooking by following recipes in cookbooks. When some one asked him if he had ever tried any of the recipes for cooking, he said he had tried a good many of them, but never had good results. When asked why, he said they all began in the same way, "take a clean hands," and he couldn't do that very handsily, consequently he gave up referring to cookbooks. The second requisite is gotten by having on hand a supply of ice or cold water. Ordinarily each and every patron ought to have a supply of ice for cooling cream. The subject may be summarized in the following, as presented by Prof. Dean in the Canadian Dairyman:

First—Clean the pails, cans and separator daily or twice daily.

Second—Cool cream to 50 degrees by the use of ice or cold water.

Third—Have rich cream testing not less than 25 to 35 per cent. fat.

Fourth—Fresh cream should not be added to older cream until after it is cooled to 50 degrees.

Fifth—Deliver daily or at least four times a week in warm weather. The cream can or tanks should be protected from sun, rain and dust while on the wagons.

Sixth—Proper weighing, measuring and sampling are essential for satisfaction among the patrons.

Seventh—Cream should be pasteurized and cooled at the creamery, especially in the fall and winter, to remove objectionable flavors and to add keeping quality to the butter.

Eighth—Cooperation on the part of the drivers, patrons and creamerymen is necessary in order to improve the quality of the cream and butter.

Freak Ear of Corn.

A freak ear of corn is reported from Shelbyville, Ind. It is composed of about 200 small ears, each the size of a lead pencil.